



## LEGAL NOTICE

### DNREC – Division of Water, Surface Water Discharges Section

#### Public Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Water, (Department) will conduct a public hearing on Perdue Foods, LLC (Perdue) National Pollutant Discharge System (NPDES) Permit No. DE 0000469 (State Number WPCC 3011G/74) reissuance application to discharge treated process wastewater, sanitary wastewater, boiler blowdown, and storm water from their facility located at 20621 Savannah Rd in Georgetown, Sussex County, to Savannah Ditch. The facility is a poultry processing plant.

There are two (2) outfalls at this site which discharge to Savannah Ditch. Outfall 002 consists of discharge from the process wastewater treatment system and Outfall 004 consists of stormwater from a grassed non-process area. The wastewater treatment system consists of screening, anaerobic lagoons, activated sludge, chemical precipitation, clarification, and ultraviolet (UV) disinfection. Sanitary wastewater is treated in a batch aerobic treatment system and is then pumped to the ultraviolet disinfection unit.

The public notice of the Department's receipt of the application and of reaching a tentative determination was published in the Wilmington News Journal and the Delaware News on August 26, 2018. The Department received one public hearing request on September 24, 2018. The issues outlined in the request include concerns over impacts of the discharge in the receiving waters, the schedule of compliance for permit limits, notification of discharge violations to waterways users, contamination in receiving waters, pollutant monitoring and analysis in receiving waters, efficiency of the treatment process, and implementation of TMDLs in the permit.

The public hearing will be held on November 27, 2018 at 6pm at Georgetown Middle School, located at 301 West Market St, Georgetown, DE 19947. The purpose of the hearing is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the aforementioned permit application, and will include presentation from DNREC staff.

On the basis of staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Department proposes to issue a NPDES permit for the facility above, subject to certain effluent limitations and conditions. This proposal is tentative pending the development of a formal hearing record, including the public hearing, and a final decision by the DNREC Secretary.

Persons wishing to comment on the applications and draft permit may do so either orally or in written form at the public hearing on November 27, 2018. In lieu of attending the public hearing, written comment may be submitted to the Hearing Officer via either email to [Lisa.Vest@state.de.us](mailto:Lisa.Vest@state.de.us) or via USPS to the following address:

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The application, draft fact sheet, and draft permit are available for inspection at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/wr/information/swdinfo/pages/individual.aspx> or copies may be obtained by contacting:

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